(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, how the dilapidated shoulders are proposed to be managed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The work on the stretch of East West corridor from Srirampur to Silchar in Assam has already commenced and the overall progress of the project is 20%. No stretch of East West corridor is located in any other North Eastern States.

(b) The project is targeted for completion by September, 2010. The delay in completion is due to insurgency and law and order problems in the project area.

(c) to (e) Four laning of NH-52 from Jamagudi to Gohpur has been approved by the Government 'in-principle' and there is no proposal at the stage to carry out 4-laning of existing NH-52 from Baihata to Jamagudi and from Gohpur to Bandardewa.

(f) No, Sir. There is no plan to provide paved shoulder along the double lane part of NH-52 from Baihata to Jamagudi and from Gohpur to North Lakhimpur.

(g) Does not arise.

(h) The dilapidated shoulders will be managed out of M and R grants placed at the disposal of the State Government of Assam.

Shipyard for Kerala

1199. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANS PORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish two more shipyards, one in the East Coast and the other in the West Coast;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether State Government of Kerala has requested to set up one in Kerala;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) National Maritime Development Programme envisages setting up of two international size shipyards, one on the East Coast and another on the West Coast of India. For this purpose, Government has nominated Ennore Port Limited and Mumbai Port Trust as the nodal agencies for East Coast and West Coast respectively. The nodal agencies have been authorized to appoint Consultants who, *inter-alia*, would identify 3 or 4 alternative sites each for setting up of shipyard on West Coast and East Coast of India respectively and also suggest optimal locations with detailed justification. The process for appointment of consultants has been initiated by the nodal agencies.

(c) to (e) Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal proposing Poovar in Thiruvananthapuram District on the Kerala-Tamil Nadu border as the possible location for setting up of international size shipyard on the West Coast of India. The details of the proposal are as under:

- The proposed site has a waterfront area of 2.5 km in length and about 800-1000 acres can be made available of which a part will be by land acquisition and rest by reclamation.
- Water depth of 13 metre is available within 500 metres of the shoreline. After reclamation the depth of 13 metre will be available alongside.
- The site can be easily provided with road-rail connectivity. At present, NH-47 is less than 10 km from the site and Kanyakumari-Thiruvananthapuram broad gauge railway line is less than 10 km away.
- The new Port at Vizhinjam, which is about 10 km from the proposed site, can be made use for the shipment of all the material required for the development and functioning of the shipyard.

Further, Mumbai Port Trust, nodal agency for setting up of international size shipyard on the West Coast of India, has received proposals from three Maritime States indicating the locations *viz.* Poovar in Kerala, Kundle Beach in Tadri Port in Karnataka and Tuna Tekra near Kandla Port in Gujarat.

The above proposals submitted by the Maritime States shall be made available to the consultant being appointed by the nodal agency.

Four-laning of NHs in Rajasthan

†1200. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Rajasthan has proposed the work of four-laning of National Highway No. 11 (Jaipur-Reengur-Sikar), National Highways No. 12, (Jaipur-Tonk-Kota- Jhalawad Road upto the border of Madhya Pradesh), National Highway No. 14 (Byawar-Pali-Sirohi Road) and National Highway No. 8 (Byawar-Udaipur Road);

(b) if so, by when these roads would be converted into four-lane;

(c) whether it is also a fact that National Highway No. 79 from Chittourgadh to Neemach also deserves to be converted into four-lane; and

(d) if so, by when the portion between Chittourgadh to Neemach would be converted into four-lane?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Four-laning of NH-11 (Jaipur-Reengus-Sikar), NH-12 (Jaipur-Tonk, Jhalawad road) and NH-14 (Beawar-Pali-Sirohi Road) has been

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.